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## FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY TO BE CLEANED

County of Los Angeles Supervisor Gloria Molina announced plans to clear vegetation and debris from flood control channel rights of way in the County's South Maintenance Area, in the vicinities of Santa Fe Springs, Carson, Culver City, Downey, Lakewood, Long Beach, and Whittier. Channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks will also be cleaned. Cleaning is done in order to trim overgrown vegetation and remove any debris deposited on channel rights of way, and to help reduce the possibility of pollution downstream. Vegetation that does not need to be removed will be preserved. This project is part of Public Works' ongoing program to improve the operation of flood control facilities during storms and also improve the appearance of the facilities.

Bids on a contract to perform the work will be opened May 25 by the County Department of Public Works. The project is expected to take 65 working days, starting in July and ending in October.

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(Same release sent to Supervisors Burke and Knabe.)

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